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ד' מנחם אב תשנ"ו

Shabbat Parshat דברים

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

*We'd like to wish a happy
birthday to the following
people:*

717:

Danielle Peyser, G3

Jason Listhaus, B17

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Abigail Zausmer, G12

Nili Epstein, G16

Benjy Epstein, H.S. Kolllel

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Dani Gopin, B4

David Hochhauser, B13

Aliza Boim, G5

Avery Katz, B6

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Rachel Goldberg, G13

Dahlia Eisenberg, G1

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Jonathan Greenbaum, Machon

Elana Stroh, G1

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Sara Winkler, G5

Rebecca Berman, G3

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Tzvi Ausubel, B2

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Jason

Abramowitz, B10

Aryeh Falk, B6



Shalhevet would like to
thank the senior day
camp for collating this
issue. We would also like
to opologize to our
sports-writer, Bezalel
Gersten for misprinting
his name in the last issue
of Shalhevet.

*Shalhevet reminder:
Yerushalaim Poetry Contrest
entries must be handed in to
Tamar Rosner by July 22.
Prizes will be awarded and
selected entries will be
printed in Shalhevet.*

ATTENTION ALL STAFF AND MACHON:

Rabbi Willig
will be giving the 'tisch'
Friday night- main dining room
Don't miss it!

"Perek on the Pavillion"
given by:
Rabbi Ely Rosenzveig
Shabbat Afternoon, 5:45

The Morasha Times

Trip Day...

This past Monday and Tuesday, every camper ventured out of the cozy confines of Camp Morasha. The Day Campers discovered how much fun Discovery Zone could be, and topped their day off with a trip to Friendly's. The Nitzis and Shtilis all had a blast at Slocum Hollow. There, they go-carted, launched water balloons, took bank shots, and mini golfed. In addition, each division had a separate destination- Shtilim to the mall, Nitzi boys to bowling and Nitzi girls to a movie. Machzor Bet and Machon spent their day out bowling, and at the Binghampton Mall where they watched a movie. A great day was had by all. Special thanks to all who helped make the trips possible.

One Day Color War...

This week, while Machzor Aleph had the camp all to themselves, their one day Color War took place. The blue and gold bandanas made nice head coverings for boy and girl alike. The teams, *Eish* and *Mayim*, fought it out on the courts, depicted beautiful scenes on banners, and sung their hearts out in the Merkazia. When it was all over the water had extinguished the fire.

Just when we thought it was safe to walk around camp, another war broke

out. This one featured the Ilanot. Blue, Yellow, Green and White were the colors of this fight. The team names were *G'milut Chassadim*, *Hachnassat Orchim*, *Hachnassat Kallah*, and *Iyun T'filah*. Once again, the courts of the camp and the walls of the Pargod resounded with the incredible spirit of competition and cooperation. This time it was the Yellow- *G'millut Chassadim* team which emerged victorious. Shalhevet congratulates all of the participants, and especially the generals and the coordinators who worked so hard to make these Color Wars such a success!

Special Shabbat Guest...

Camp Morasha welcomes Mrs. Esther Wachsman, the mother of Nachshon Wachsman z"l. She will be addressing the staff and Machon at 10:30 PM on *Motzaei Shabbat*. We look forward to hearing her important message.

Message to Sulam...

Shalhevet would like to extend greetings to our fellow campers participating in the Morasha Israel program. The general message which the siblings and parents of those on Sulam want to convey to them is a simple one- PLEASE BE IN TOUCH!! WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TIKKUN CHATZOTH

A "THREE WEEKS" STORY

..."Indeed may G-d help me," though Rabbi Baruch after the hunting party had left him to his fate. Night fell and there was not a soul to be seen. Only the moon sent some weak rays of light through the treetops.

"It must be now near midnight," he pondered, looking at the moon above his head. And with heavy tears pouring down his cheeks, he recited the Psalms and mournful words of the *Tikkun Chatzoth*, as he was wont to do every night. Indeed, he had hardly ever felt the hopelessness of exile as much as in this hour of utter loneliness and dejection. The whole forest seemed to echo his voice as he cried out the sacred words from the bottom of his heart. And strangely, with every word, strength and hope seemed to return to him. It was as if all the trees had joined in the mourning for the loss of the *Beit Hamikdash*, and as if the stars and the moon from above wanted to twinkle their messages of assurance. Now Rabbi Baruch's prayers had turned into a song of fervent hope for the redemption of Israel rather than a plea for help from his own plight.

"Hey there, wait a minute," a loud voice suddenly interrupted Rabbi Baruch's prayers. Turning around in surprise, Rabbi Baruch saw the old nobleman coming towards him, accompanied by

several men. "I wanted to see what would happen to you. Somehow, I did not believe that you were the one who robbed our foolish friend. Meanwhile, they caught the robbers in the inn where you had spent the night. They told us that the fool had bragged about his money when he was drunk last night. So I came back here to help you."

From the depths of his heart, Rabbi Baruch thanked the Lord for His unexpected help. The nobleman offered him a ride back to his town. It was getting late for the *Tish'oh b'av* services and the large following of Rabbi Baruch's disciples was gathered, awaiting his arrival. They had resigned themselves to the fact that he was apparently not coming, when suddenly they heard two horses approaching at a fast gallop, carrying Rabbi Baruch and a servant of the nobleman.

That night, Rabbi Baruch and his disciples said the holy words of the *Kinoth* and of *Eicha*, as they had never said them before. "Soon, soon," said Rabbi Baruch, "the Lord will send us His Redeemer to free us from the bonds that tie us to our exile far away from His sacred Home."

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TORAH THOUGHTS

by RABBI DAN JACOBSON-ED
STAFF

The *Pesikta deRabbi Cahane* discusses the significance of Hashem's lament, אֵיכָה, with regard to the destruction of the *Beit Hamikdash*. The *Navi, Hoshée*, reports Hashem's words regarding *Bnai Yisroel*: "And they, like Adam, violated the covenant: They rebelled against me."

The *Pesikta* relates that the "Adam" in this passage is *Adam Harishon*. G-d said "I brought *Adam Harishon* into *Gan Eden* and he rebelled against me. I then expelled him and lamented אֵיכָה (a play on the word אֵיכָה). So too his sons: I brought them into Israel and gave them commandments. They violated my commandments and were expelled. Again I lamented with the word אֵיכָה."

Often in life, when our situation is comfortable, we tend to grow complacent. This complacency is dangerous; we sometimes stop working to improve ourselves through *Mitzvot* and good deeds. As such we begin to falter.

The *Midrash* highlights the connection between the words אֵיכָה

and אֵיכָה. In times of mourning it is necessary to contemplate אֵיכָה. Who are you? Where are you? We need to evaluate our station in life through introspection and חשבון הנפש so that, instead of faltering, we can succeed in moving forward and upward to a higher spiritual station.

In the story of קמצא and בר קמצא, בר קמצא wanted to take revenge on the Jewish people by making it appear as if they had insulted the Roman emperor. He needed to find a way to disqualify the offering sent by the Romans to the *Beit Hamikdash*, so he decided to maim it in a way which would disqualify it under Jewish but not Roman law. The *Maharal* points out that the cut on the animal's lip is one such wound.

During these days of introspection, let us evaluate how we use our most powerful weapon, our mouth. Misused, our mouth can disqualify us from desirable situations that Hashem may want to give us, causing Hashem to lament אֵיכָה (אֵיכָה). We can work towards preventing Hashem's pained lament by participating in מַחֲסוּם לַפִּי, watching our speech.

MACHON MEETS B.B.Y.O.

by: SHLOMO KOYFMAN

Last Thursday, Machon welcomed close to one hundred fellow Jews as part of Machon-B.B.Y.O Day. This day is characterized by the interaction of Machon with Jews of all kinds: Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and some Jews who know virtually nothing about Judaism. Both the Machoniks and the participants from "Kallah", the name of the B.B.Y.O. program, came away with a great deal.

For the "Kallah" kids, the main purpose for this day was to be exposed to orthodox Jews who are pseudo "normal". They had the opportunity to speak with kids their own age who actually live the Torah life and whom they can relate to.

However, it's possible that the Machoniks learned more from the B.B.Y.O. kids than the B.B.Y.O. kids learned from them. B.B.Y.O. is an intensive program in which the participants sit in a "kollel" for over twelve hours a day and learn about Jewish topics ranging from the Holocaust, to Jewish history to what

Shabbat is. What many Machoniks realized is that, although there is a great commitment in being a practicing Jew, that's how most of the Machoniks have lived their entire lives. These "kallah" members give up a summer of fun to come and learn about something that is extremely important to them, that being their Judaism and their faith in Judaism. All Jews can learn a lot from the commitment and dedication these *Yiddin* show towards *Yahadut*.

The day was a success! All of the participants agreed that שנאת חנם (baseless hatred), the topic of the day, was truly horrible and that all people had to make a conscious effort to be more patient and tolerant in addition to accepting people as people and all fellow Jews as brothers and sisters. More importantly, however, is the fact that virtually everyone came away inspired by one another's commitment in whatever form it was manifested.

מצות פדיון שבויים

Missing In Action

During Operation Peace for Galilee in 1982, Israel fought a war in Lebanon to protect its northern border. One of the tank battles during that war took place in an area called Sultan Yakoub, which was controlled by Syria. In that battle, three Israeli soldiers- **Zachary Baumel, Yehuda Katz, and Zvi Feldman**- were taken as prisoners. Under international law, Syria is responsible for their well-being. Even though prisoners of war are usually allowed to be visited by international officials, the Syrians have not given out any information about these Israeli soldiers. Before their capture, Zachary was learning at the Gush Etzion Hesder Yeshiva, and Yehuda at Yeshivat Hesder Kerem B'yavneh. Zachary, Yehuda, and Zvi haven't spoken to their parents in over thirteen years.

In 1986, an Israeli Air Force jet was flying on a mission in Lebanon when its engines failed. The pilot- **Ron Arad**-

ejected from the plane and landed safely in the Sadya area of Lebanon. He was captured by members of the Amal Militia. He is now being held by a group connected to Iran. Ron's daughter, Yuval, was six months old when he was captured and she has not seen him since.

These four missing soldiers are all considered שבויים, captives, and every Jew wherever he or she may be must do everything in their power to get them free and back to their families.

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Letter Writing Campaign

On Tisha B'av, here in Camp Morasha, we will be doing our part in trying to help these fellow Jews. A campwide letter writing campaign will be taking place throughout the day. We hope that by exerting pressure on key political figures, they will act on the behalf of the MIA's to demand their freedom from their captors.

*"Hamakom yirachem aleihem
v'yotziem mitzara lirvacha u'meiafeila
l'orah, umisheebud legeulah"*



Roving Reporter

If you could go anywhere on trip day, where would you go?

Satch, asst. to dir.- kayaking down the Delaware

Tamar Warburg, G18- home

Bunk G19- Bondi 3-4

Tzippy Heszel, G19-a walk across the desert

Stacey & Miriam, Couns. G20- Great Neck x2

Bunk G16- Yasgur Farms

Julie Lowe, G20-a place with a nice warm shower

Alufim Boys- Indigo Stables

Chad Hopkovitz, B15- skirmish

Yonatan Goldberg, B9- unlimited shopping spree in a mall

Zush Motechin, Prog. Dir.-take a shuttle to Yerushalaim

Chani Richter, day camp- a water-park

Emily Honig, G7- D.J.'s

Daniel Pollack, B16-A baseball game

Tzvi Ausubel, B2-Hollywood Ca.

Bezalel Gersten, wtr. - Cooperstown

Sara Shapiro, G18-visit friends in other camps

Malkie Rosner, G20 - Monticello pizza shop

Bunk G20- visit Cotton Eyed Joe

Batya Ross, G19 -a big electronic store to watch T.V..

Stephanie Cohen & Adina Santer, G16- Riverdale

Jessica Russack, G14- skiing in the Alps

Allen Shane, B14- white water rafting

Ruvi Schwartz, couns.B14- Matzah factory

Jacob Morris, B8-Harrisburg Pa.

Barry Wimpfheimer, DH, Alufim- a place with a nice hammock to sleep in

Yaacov Richter, day camp- Israel

Devorah Cohen, G8- Hershey Park

Joseph Winkler, B2-Basketball Hall of Fame

Shalva Schwartz, office - Staples